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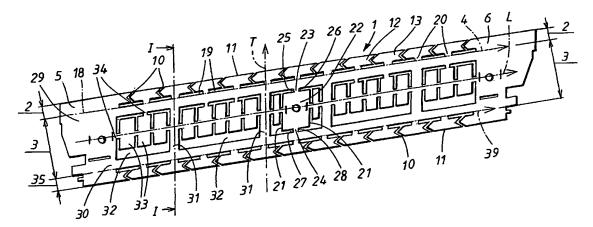
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(57) Abstract: Method and blank for manufacturing a curved metal bend element for an endless chain conveying track which comprises a support flange intended to constitute a guide rail for a first side of chain elements forming part of the chain conveying track, and a web from which the said first flange extends, where the said web is intended to provide torsional rigidity in the bend element. The invention also relates to a bend element, bend unit and a conveying track manufactured from such a blank.